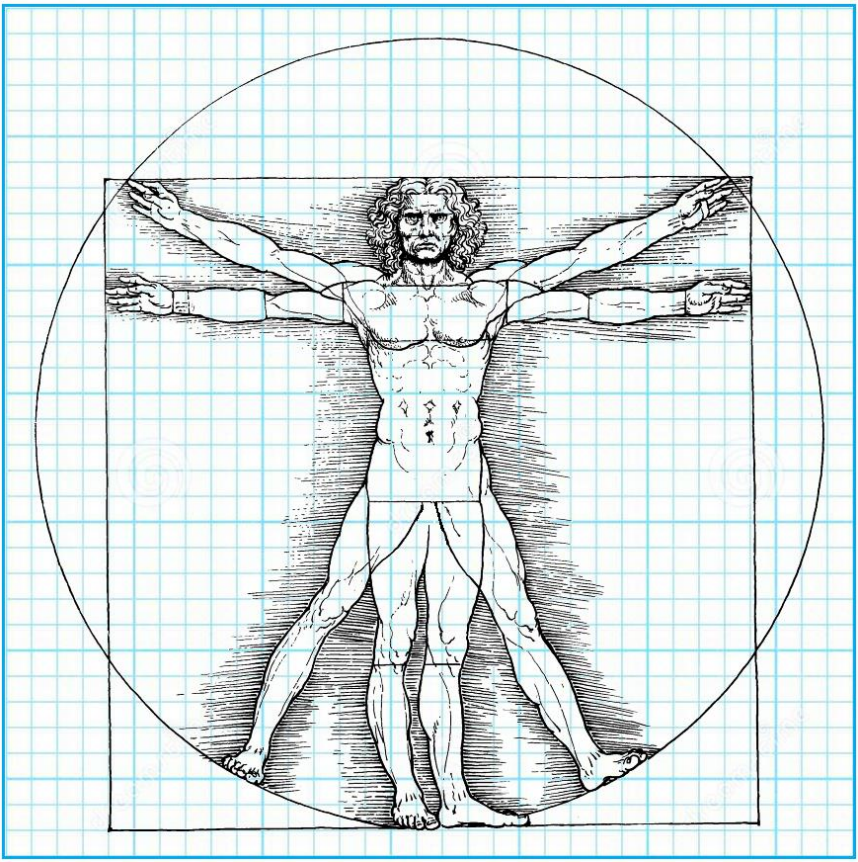
"OF DUST FROM THE GROUND"

The Composition of Man



"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made…"
—Psalm 139:14a (KJV)

Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, PA
Sunday, August 28th, AD 2022

The LORD'S Day

The Twenty-eighth Day of August, *in the Year of our Lord* 2022

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.

As a sub-series within our larger series on Church History, we continue to examine the **Doctrine of Divine Election**, which has been a major issue of contention in throughout Christian History.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *"He's Coming Soon"* (#526).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"Our Great Savior"* (#1; vv. 1, 2, 3, 5).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:1-16.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: "*Fill My Cup, Lord"* (#220).

Announcemnts.

Hymn: *"Happiness is to Know the Savior"* (#221).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"MAN: HIS BIPARTITE COMPOSTITON."*

Closing Hymn:* *"Living for Jesus"* (#363).

Benediction.*

**The Congregation will please arise, if able.*

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Week of August 21-August 27

Sunday School—8; Morning Worship—20
Midweek Prayer—4; Church Offering: $706.00

Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—6:30 PM.

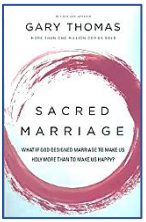
We are studying Daniel, ch. 5—Belshazzar's Feast of Folly.

Today's Verse for Reflection:

Matt. 10:28: "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell." (ESV)

CEF Fall Party!

Our **CEF sponsored Fall Party** for area children will be on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. **Time to start praying & inviting!** Also pray for CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) this month as they will be active throughout the tri-county region (Armstrong-Indiana-Westmoreland) at the County Fairs!



In the vestibule we feature some great library books! The theme of Gary Thomas' ***Sacred Marriage*** is best summed up by its subtitle: ***What If God Designed Marriage to Make Us Holy More Than to Make Us Happy?*** Have you ever thought of your marriage as a living laboratory of personal sanctification?

MAN: His Composition as a Compound-Unity

By Pastor Terry L. Reese, Valley GBC of Armagh, PA; 8/26/22

I. Man: a duality in unity.

Man is a *duality*: there are two distinct aspects within the unity of his being—the *material* (the body) & the *immaterial* (soul/spirit). Duality often referenced in Scripture: Eccl. 12:7, Matt. 10:28.

II. Our Bodies: *"the tent that is our earthly home" (2Cor. 5:1)*

A. Its Composition: (Gn. 2:7,3:19; Job 4:19,33:4, 6; Isa. 64:8; ICor. 15:47).

Note the play on the Hebrew words in Gen. 2:7: Man (*adam*) was formed from the dust of the ground (*adamah*).

B. Various views concerning the purpose of the body.

i. Hedonism: The worldly hedonistic philosophy: the Body's desires are of *supreme* importance! A person should focus his basic life-energies upon what is physically pleasing & personally enjoyable. But note Matt. 10:28, 16:24-27, & 1Tim. 4:8!!!

ii. The body is either *evil* or *unimportant*—i.e., the prison house of the soul. A false view often found within worldly philosophy; there is an extreme *dichotomy* between the physical and the incorporeal. The body is base & lower—and thus *evil*. The soul, however, is higher & immaterial—and therefore *good*.

For Greek philosophers, salvation meant redemption *from* the body, in which the soul is finally released from the prison house of the flesh. In such a view, the final resurrection of the body is unthinkable!!! (note opposition to Paul in Acts 17:31-32; 26:23-24). Such ideas also invaded the early Church (e.g., Gnosticism).

Closely related is the idea of ***asceticism***, involving the denial, neglect, or harsh treatment of the body for "spiritual" reasons (e.g., monasticism & Romanist asceticism). This thinking is refuted by 1Tim. 4:1-3 & Col. 2:20-23. The Bible does *not* regard physical matter as inherently evil (Gen. 1:1, 31). Ultimately, our salvation is *physical*, as well as *spiritual*, as the body will be raised and glorified, and the material realm will be redeemed with the creation of a New Heaven and a New Earth (Rev. 21-22).

iii. The Biblical view: the body is the *partner* of the soul.

The body is the Temple of God through which we glorify Him (I Cor. 6:19-20). The body is to be submitted unto God (Rom. 12:1) so that Christ may be glorified in that body (Phil. 1:20).

Let us attend to the good health of *both* body and soul! (3Jn 1:2)